LINDA MORENO Attorney at Law

POST OFFICE BOX 10985 TAMPA, FLORIDA 33679 OFFICE (813) 247-4500 CELL (813) 486-6165

By Hand

The Honorable Lewis A. Kaplan United States District Court Southern District New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States vs. Adel Abdel Bary* 98 Cr. 1023 (LAK)

Dear Judge Kaplan:

I request this Honorable Court's permission to withdraw as counsel for Mr. Abdel Bary. I have consulted both with my client and with my co counsel, Mr. Andrew Patel, and neither have an objection. The government also has no objection.

I entered this case as trial counsel, anticipating that the matter would be tried. The recent resolution on behalf of Mr. Abdel Bary through the plea and accepted plea agreement has obviated the need for my further participation. On behalf of Mr. Abdel Bary, Mr. Patel will handle the remaining work regarding sentencing.

Appointed by Your Honor pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, my withdrawal will conserve CJA resources. It has been my privilege to practice before this Honorable Court and I thank Your Honor for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Moreno

SO ORDERED

LEWIS A. KAPLAN, USDJ

CC: ANDREW PATEL, Via electronic mail